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REMARKS

Claims 29-31 are hereby deemed to be withdrawn (due to being directed to a non-elected group). Claim 28 is cancelled. Claims 1, 6, 7, 13, and 19 are hereby amended to correct non-substantive stylistic and typographical errors. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-27 and 29-31 are pending. Claims 1-27 are at issue. Claims 1 and 27 are the only independent claims at issue.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of March 7, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I (associated in the Office Action with original claims 1-28) for immediate further prosecution in the subject application. Claims 29-31, although withdrawn, remain pending in view of the possibility for later rejoinder.

The Office Action further requires Applicants to elect a species wherein A and D of claim 1 are defined by a specific sequence and element LM of claim 1 also is defined by a single compound or sequence. Applicants hereby elect, *in the event that no generic claim is found allowable*, a compound in which A is catalytically inactivated human factor VIIa; LM is Phe-Phe-Arg chloromethylketone; and C is Melphalan (p-DI-(2-chloroethyl)-amino-L-phenylalanine). Claims 1-7, 10, 17, and 20-28, read on the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that the elected claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this application and to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1447. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution and allowance of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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